

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to insert section headings, remove references to the claims, and improve the readability of the text.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and reference numerals, correct antecedent basis errors, and improve the clarity of the claim language. No new matter has been added.

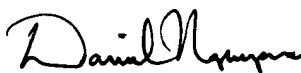
The Abstract has been amended in compliance with USPTO guidelines.

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due for this submission. However, should there be any additional fees required, please charge such additional fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0447, reference 34648-439USPX.

Respectfully submitted,

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